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S I R:

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on September 10, 2002 in connection with this application and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter and consider the following remarks. The amendments are made here in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) by rewriting each amended claim in clean form, with all changes included. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amendment is accompanied by another